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FELICIA PITRE

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CAUSE NO.	DC-21-03599 	
LADARRIUS HARRIS;	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
Plaintiff,	§	
VS.	9 9	DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
MATILDE ROSQUETTE; AND WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.;	9 § 8	
Defendants.	9 9	191st JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

Plaintiff Ladarrius Harris files Plaintiff's Original Petition complaining of Defendants Matilde Rosquette and Werner Enterprises, Inc.

I. DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN

Discovery is intended to be conducted under Level 3 pursuant to Rule 190 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

II. RULE 47 PLEADING REQUIREMENTS

As required by Rule 47(b), Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff's counsel states that the damages sought are in an amount within the jurisdictional limits of this Court. As required by Rule 47(c), Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff's counsel states that Plaintiff seeks monetary relief of over \$250,000 but not more than \$1,000,000. The amount of monetary relief actually awarded, however, will ultimately be determined by a jury. Plaintiff also seeks pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the highest legal rate.

III. PARTIES

Plaintiff Ladarrius Harris is an individual resident of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas. His driver's license number is ****909.

Defendant Matilde Rosquette is an individual resident of Glendora, Los Angeles County, California and may be served with process at 1107 Bradford Drive, Glendora, California 91740.

Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc. is a corporation doing business in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas and may be served with process by serving its registered agent John Vidaurri, at 8701 Peterbilt Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75241.

IV. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

The Court has jurisdiction over the controversy because the damages are within the jurisdictional limits of this Honorable Court.

This Court has venue over the parties to this action since the incident complained of herein occurred in Dallas County, Texas. Venue therefore is proper in Dallas County, Texas pursuant to the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code §15.002.

V. FACTS

This lawsuit arises out of a motor vehicle collision that occurred on or about Saturday, January 9, 2021 at or near the 200 Block of IH-20 Westbound within the city limits of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas. Plaintiff Ladarrius Harris was operating his vehicle westbound on IH-20 West in the right lane.

Defendant Matilde Rosquette was operating her 18-wheeler westbound on IH-20 West in the left lane. Defendant Matilde Rosquette made an unsafe lane change

into Plaintiff's lane colliding hard with the driver's side of Plaintiff's vehicle. As a result of the collision, Plaintiff was injured and continues to suffer injuries and damages from this incident.

VI. CAUSES OF ACTION

A. NEGLIGENCE – DEFENDANT MATILDE ROSQUETTE

At the time of the motor vehicle collision, Defendant Matilde Rosquette was operating her 18-wheeler negligently. Specifically, Defendant had a duty to exercise ordinary care and operate her 18-wheeler reasonably and prudently. Defendant breached that duty in one or more of the following respects:

- 1. Defendant failed to keep such proper lookout and attention to the roadway as a person or ordinary prudence would have kept under the same or similar circumstances;
- 2. Defendant changed lanes when unsafe to do so;
- 3. Defendant failed to drive in a single lane;
- 4. Defendant failed to keep an assured safe distance from Plaintiff's vehicle;
- 5. Defendant failed to timely apply the brakes of her 18-wheeler in order to avoid the collision in question; and
- 6. Defendant failed to operate her 18-wheeler at a safe speed.

B. NEGLIGENT ENTRUSTMENT – DEFENDANT WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.

As an additional cause of action, Plaintiff would show that at the time and on the occasion in question, Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc. was the owner of the vehicle driven by Defendant Matilde Rosquette. Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc. entrusted the vehicle to Defendant Matilde Rosquette.

Defendant Matilde Rosquette was unlicensed, incompetent, and/or reckless and Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc. knew or should have known that Defendant Matilde Rosquette was unlicensed, incompetent, and/or reckless. Defendant Matilde Rosquette's negligence on the occasion in question proximately caused the collision.

C. NEGLIGENCE – DEFENDANT WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.

Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc. failed to properly train and/or supervise Defendant Matilde Rosquette in order to prevent such collision.

D. GROSS NEGLIGENCE – DEFENDANT WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.

In addition to actual damages, Plaintiff seeks to recover exemplary or punitive damages from Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc., because Defendant's conduct was of such character as to constitute gross negligence. Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc.'s actions in connection with the collision involved an extreme degree of risk, considering the probability and magnitude of the potential harm to Plaintiff and to other users of the public roadways. Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc. had actual, subjective knowledge of the risk involved, but nevertheless acted in conscious indifference to the rights, safety, and welfare of others, including the Plaintiff, when Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc. created and/or fostered an environment of profits above safety for driver Defendant Matilde Rosquette, contributing to the cause of this collision.

Each of the above and foregoing acts and omissions, singularly or in combination, constituted the negligence that was the proximate cause of the motor vehicle collision and consequently the injuries and damages of Plaintiff.

VII. DAMAGES

As a proximate result of Defendants' negligence, Plaintiff suffered extensive injuries and damages. As a result of Plaintiff's injuries, Plaintiff suffered the following damages:

- a. Medical expenses in the past and future;
- b. Physical pain and suffering in the past and future;
- c. Mental anguish in the past and future; and
- d. Physical impairment in the past and future.

VIII. INTENT TO USE DEFENDANTS' DOCUMENTS

Plaintiff hereby gives notice of intent to utilize items produced in discovery against the party producing same. The authenticity of such items is self-proven per TRCP 193.7.

IX. JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury and includes the appropriate jury fees.

X. U.S. LIFE TABLES

Notice is hereby given to the Defendants that Plaintiff intends to use the U.S. Life Tables as prepared by the Department of Health and Human Services.

XI. RELIEF

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff requests that

Defendants be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon final hearing
thereof, Plaintiff recover judgment against Defendants for:

1. Plaintiff's past medical expenses, which are reasonable and customary for the medical care received by Plaintiff;

- 2. Plaintiff's future medical expenses;
- 3. Plaintiff's physical pain and suffering in the past and future in an amount to be determined by the jury;
- 4. Plaintiff's mental anguish in the past and future in an amount to be determined by the jury;
- 5. Plaintiff's physical impairment in the past and future in an amount to be determined by the jury;
- 6. Interest on the judgment at the legal rate from the date of judgment;
- 7. Pre-judgment interest on Plaintiff's damages as allowed by law;
- 8. All costs of court; and
- 9. Such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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LADARRIUS HARRIS

VS.

MATILDE ROSQUETTE, et al

191st District Court

ENTER DEMAND FOR JURY

JURY FEE PAID BY: LADARRIUS HARRIS

FEE PAID: \$40.00

FORM NO. 353-3 - CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.

BY SERVING REGISTERED AGENT JOHN VIDAURRI

8701 PETERBILT AVE DALLAS TEXAS 75241

GREETINGS:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org. Your answer should be addressed to the clerk of the **191st District Court** at 600 Commerce Street, Ste. 101, Dallas, Texas 75202.

Said Plaintiff being LADARRIUS HARRIS

Filed in said Court 19th day of March, 2021 against

MATILDE ROSQUETTE, ET AL

For Suit, said suit being numbered <u>DC-21-03599</u>, the nature of which demand is as follows: Suit on **MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT** etc. as shown on said petition, a copy of which accompanies this citation. If this citation is not served, it shall be returned unexecuted.

WITNESS: FELICIA PITRE, Clerk of the District Courts of Dallas, County Texas. Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court at office this 29th day of March, 2021.

ATTEST: FELICIA PITRE, Clerk of the District Courts of Dallas, County, Texas

By______, Deputy



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LADARRIUS HARRIS
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OFFICER'S RETURN

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1107 BRADFORD DRIVE
GLENDORA CALIFORNIA 91740

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FORM NO. 353-3 - CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.

BY SERVING ITS REGISTERED AGENT, CORPORATE CREATIONS NETWORK

5444 WESTHEIMER ROAD #1000

HOUSTON TEXAS 77056

GREETINGS:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and **PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED PETITION**, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org. Your answer should be addressed to the clerk of the **191st District Court** at 600 Commerce Street, Ste. 101, Dallas, Texas 75202.

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Corporate Creations Network Inc. 801 US Highway 1 North Palm Beach, FL 33408

> Werner Enterprises, Inc. Sandy Wagner Werner Enterprises 14507 Frontier Road Omaha NE 68138

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Standy Wagner

Werner Enterprises

4507 Frontier Road

Omaha NE 68138

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SERVICE OF PROCESS NOTICE

The following is a courtesy summary of the enclosed document(s). ALL information should be verified by you.

Note: Any questions regarding the substance of the matter described below, including the status or how to respond, should be directed to the contact set forth in line 12 below or to the court or government agency where the matter is being heard. IMPORTANT: All changes or updates to the SOP contact individuals or their contact information must be submitted in writing to SOPcontact@corpcreations.com. Any changes will become effective upon written confirmation of Corporate Creations.

1.	Entity Served:	Werner Enterprises, Inc.
2.	Title of Action:	Ladarrius Harris vs. Matile Rosquette; and Werner Enterprises, Inc.
3.	Document(s) Served:	Citation Automated Certificate of eService Plaintiff's First Amended Petition
4.	Court/Agency:	Dallas County 191st Judicial District Court
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7.	Case Type:	Negligence
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9.	Date Received:	Thursday 04/29/2021 ***
10.	Date to Client:	Friday 04/30/2021
11.	# Days When Answer Due: Answer Due Date:	See Notes CAUTION: Client is solely responsible for verifying the accuracy of the estimated Answer Due Date. To avoid missing a crucial deadline, we recommend immediately confirming in writing with opposing counsel that the date of the service in their records matches the Date Received.
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FORM NO. 353-3 - CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.

BY SERVING ITS REGISTERED AGENT, CORPORATE CREATIONS NETWORK

5444 WESTHEIMER ROAD #1000

HOUSTON TEXAS 77056

GREETINGS:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and **PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED PETITION**, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org. Your answer should be addressed to the clerk of the **191st District Court** at 600 Commerce Street, Ste. 101, Dallas, Texas 75202.

Said Plaintiff being LADARRIUS HARRIS

Filed in said Court 21st day of April, 2021 against

MATILDE ROSQUETTE, ET AL

For Suit, said suit being numbered <u>DC-21-03599</u>, the nature of which demand is as follows: Suit on **MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT** etc. as shown on said petition, a copy of which accompanies this citation. If this citation is not served, it shall be returned unexecuted.

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By_____, Deputy



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LADARRIUS HARRIS
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MATILDE ROSQUETTE, et al

ISSUED THIS
23rd day of April, 2021

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CAUSE NO. DC-21-03599

LADARRIUS HARRIS;	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
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Defendants.	§	191 ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED PETITION

Plaintiff Ladarrius Harris files Plaintiff's First Amended Petition complaining of Defendants Matilde Rosquette and Werner Enterprises, Inc.

I. DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN

Discovery is intended to be conducted under Level 3 pursuant to Rule 190 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

II. RULE 47 PLEADING REQUIREMENTS

As required by Rule 47(b), Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff's counsel states that the damages sought are in an amount within the jurisdictional limits of this Court. As required by Rule 47(c), Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff's counsel states that Plaintiff seeks monetary relief of over \$250,000 but not more than \$1,000,000. The amount of monetary relief actually awarded, however, will ultimately be determined by a jury. Plaintiff also seeks pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the highest legal rate.

III. PARTIES

Plaintiff Ladarrius Harris is an individual resident of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas. His driver's license number is ****909.

Defendant Matilde Rosquette is an individual resident of Glendora, Los Angeles County, California and may be served with process at 1107 Bradford Drive, Glendora, California 91740.

Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc. is a corporation doing business in Houston, Harris County, Texas and may be served with process by serving its registered agent Corporate Creations Network, at 5444 Westheimer Road #1000, Houston, Texas 77056.

IV. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

The Court has jurisdiction over the controversy because the damages are within the jurisdictional limits of this Honorable Court.

This Court has venue over the parties to this action since the incident complained of herein occurred in Dallas County, Texas. Venue therefore is proper in Dallas County, Texas pursuant to the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code §15.002.

V. FACTS

This lawsuit arises out of a motor vehicle collision that occurred on or about Saturday, January 9, 2021 at or near the 200 Block of IH-20 Westbound within the city limits of Grand Prairie, Dallas County, Texas. Plaintiff Ladarrius Harris was operating his vehicle westbound on IH-20 West in the right lane.

Defendant Matilde Rosquette was operating her 18-wheeler westbound on IH-20

West in the left lane. Defendant Matilde Rosquette made an unsafe lane change into Plaintiff's lane colliding hard with the driver's side of Plaintiff's vehicle. As a result of the collision, Plaintiff was injured and continues to suffer injuries and damages from this incident.

VI. CAUSES OF ACTION

A. NEGLIGENCE - DEFENDANT MATILDE ROSQUETTE

At the time of the motor vehicle collision, Defendant Matilde Rosquette was operating her 18-wheeler negligently. Specifically, Defendant had a duty to exercise ordinary care and operate her 18-wheeler reasonably and prudently. Defendant breached that duty in one or more of the following respects:

- Defendant failed to keep such proper lookout and attention to the roadway as a person or ordinary prudence would have kept under the same or similar circumstances;
- Defendant changed lanes when unsafe to do so;
- 3. Defendant failed to drive in a single lane;
- 4. Defendant failed to keep an assured safe distance from Plaintiff's vehicle;
- 5. Defendant failed to timely apply the brakes of her 18-wheeler in order to avoid the collision in question; and
- Defendant failed to operate her 18-wheeler at a safe speed.

B. NEGLIGENT ENTRUSTMENT – DEFENDANT WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.

As an additional cause of action, Plaintiff would show that at the time and on the occasion in question, Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc. was the owner of the vehicle driven by Defendant Matilde Rosquette. Defendant Werner

Enterprises, Inc. entrusted the vehicle to Defendant Matilde Rosquette.

Defendant Matilde Rosquette was unlicensed, incompetent, and/or reckless and Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc. knew or should have known that Defendant Matilde Rosquette was unlicensed, incompetent, and/or reckless. Defendant Matilde Rosquette's negligence on the occasion in question proximately caused the collision.

C. NEGLIGENCE – DEFENDANT WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.

Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc. failed to properly train and/or supervise Defendant Matilde Rosquette in order to prevent such collision.

D. GROSS NEGLIGENCE - DEFENDANT WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.

In addition to actual damages, Plaintiff seeks to recover exemplary or punitive damages from Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc., because Defendant's conduct was of such character as to constitute gross negligence. Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc.'s actions in connection with the collision involved an extreme degree of risk, considering the probability and magnitude of the potential harm to Plaintiff and to other users of the public roadways. Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc. had actual, subjective knowledge of the risk involved, but nevertheless acted in conscious indifference to the rights, safety, and welfare of others, including the Plaintiff, when Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc. created and/or fostered an environment of profits above safety for driver Defendant Matilde Rosquette, contributing to the cause of this collision.

Each of the above and foregoing acts and omissions, singularly or in combination, constituted the negligence that was the proximate cause of the motor vehicle collision and consequently the injuries and damages of Plaintiff.

VII. DAMAGES

As a proximate result of Defendants' negligence, Plaintiff suffered extensive injuries and damages. As a result of Plaintiff's injuries, Plaintiff suffered the following damages:

- a. Medical expenses in the past and future;
- b. Physical pain and suffering in the past and future;
- c. Mental anguish in the past and future; and
- d. Physical impairment in the past and future.

VIII. INTENT TO USE DEFENDANTS' DOCUMENTS

Plaintiff hereby gives notice of intent to utilize items produced in discovery against the party producing same. The authenticity of such items is self-proven per TRCP 193.7.

IX. JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury and includes the appropriate jury fees.

X. U.S. LIFE TABLES

Notice is hereby given to the Defendants that Plaintiff intends to use the U.S. Life Tables as prepared by the Department of Health and Human Services.

XI. RELIEF

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff requests that

Defendants be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon final hearing
thereof, Plaintiff recover judgment against Defendants for:

- 1. Plaintiff's past medical expenses, which are reasonable and customary for the medical care received by Plaintiff;
- 2. Plaintiff's future medical expenses;
- 3. Plaintiff's physical pain and suffering in the past and future in an amount to be determined by the jury;
- 4. Plaintiff's mental anguish in the past and future in an amount to be determined by the jury;
- 5. Plaintiff's physical impairment in the past and future in an amount to be determined by the jury;
- 6. Interest on the judgment at the legal rate from the date of judgment;
- 7. Pre-judgment interest on Plaintiff's damages as allowed by law;
- 8. All costs of court; and
- 9. Such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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Defendants.	8	191st JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DEFENDANT WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.'S ORIGINAL ANSWER

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW **WERNER ENTERPRISES, INC.**, one of the above named Defendants in the above entitled and numbered cause, and files this its Original Answer, and for same would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

I. GENERAL DENIAL

1. Defendant denies each and every, all and singular, the material allegations contained within Plaintiff's pleadings and demand strict proof thereof.

II. <u>JURY DEMAND</u>

2. In accordance with Rule 216 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant demands a trial by jury. The jury fee was previously paid by the Plaintiffs.

III. AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

3. Defendant affirmatively pleads that the jury should consider the comparative fault or causative negligence of any other party, settling party, designated responsible third party and/or

non-party, for their actions or inactions as they relate to the events made the basis of this lawsuit and Plaintiff's claims and alleged damages.

- 4. Defendant specifically pleads the affirmative defense of contributory negligence and allege that the damages sustained by Plaintiff, if any, were proximately caused in whole or in part by the conduct of Plaintiff or by any other party, settling party, designated responsible third party and/or non-party. Defendant asserts that it is entitled to a reduction of damages awarded to the Plaintiff, if any, pursuant to the doctrines of contributory negligence and comparative responsibility set forth in Chapter 33 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code.
- 5. Defendant affirmatively pleads that it is entitled to an offset and credit in the amount of any settlements obtained by Plaintiff for the claims in this matter from any other parties.
- 6. Defendant would show that Plaintiff is limited to the recovery of medical expenses that are both reasonable and necessary, and further that such recovery is limited to those medical expenses actually "paid or incurred" pursuant to Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code §41.0105.
- 7. Defendant would show that Plaintiff is limited in any attempt for the recovery of lost earnings and/or earnings capacity pursuant to Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code §18.091.
- 8. Defendant assert that any award to Plaintiff should not include pre-judgment interest because any delay in the trial of the case has not been caused by Defendant. Accordingly, an award of pre-judgment interest would be unreasonable and improper given the circumstances of the case.
- 9. Defendant would show that any physical disability complained of by Plaintiff, resulted from preexisting condition or disease and not aggravated or contributed to by complained of accident.

IV. PUNITIVE AND STATUTORY DAMAGES AND FINES

10. Defendant affirmatively pleads that, under the provisions of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Plaintiff is barred from recovering punitive damages from this Defendant. In the alternative, Defendant pleads the applicable statutes place a limitation or "cap" on the punitive damages or statutory damages which Plaintiff seeks. Furthermore, in response to all claims to punitive or statutory damages, Defendant affirmatively pleads the right to due process and the prohibition against excessive fines and penalties under both the United States and Texas Constitutions.

V. OBJECTION TO PLAINTIFF'S RULE 193.7 NOTICE

11. Defendant objects to Plaintiff's Rule 193.7 Notice contained in Plaintiff's Amended Original Petition as premature and improper. Tex. R. Civ. P. 193.7 provides a producing party ten (10) days from the date actual notice that a document will be used to object to the authenticity of a document. Defendant has been provided with no actual notice of Plaintiff's intent to use any particular document, and thus has no ability to object to such document's authenticity. As discovery is just beginning in this matter, Defendant cannot conceive the scope and or breadth of the documents which may be produced in this litigation, and therefore does not waive its right to raise a good faith objection to the authenticity of a document or portion of a document which may nonetheless be responsive to Plaintiff's written discovery requests. Additionally, Defendant's notice period to object to Plaintiff's general notice expired before the date its responsive pleading to the Original Petition is due.

VI. PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant WERNER ENTERPRISES,

INC. pray that the Plaintiff take nothing by this suit, that Defendant Werner Enterprises, Inc. goes hence with its costs without delay, and for such other and further relief, both general and special, at law and in equity, to which Defendant may show itself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS WILL CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been served upon all attorneys of record in this cause of action on the 4th day of May, 2021 as indicated below.

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